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Northville, state police enforcing hand-held phone law

Members of the Northville Township Police Department will join with Michigan State Police in an August safety campaign on area roadways throughout the community.

To bring more attention to Michigan's new distracted driving law, officers and troopers will be especially vigilant regarding drivers using a hand-held cell phone or mobile electronic device to text, talk on the phone, watch videos or go on social media while driving. Those actions are all now illegal according to recently enacted MCL 257.602b.

Patrol officers noticed consistent violations of the month-old law, putting all motorists lives in danger, prompting the month-long awareness campaign, officials said.

> *Public safety is at risk when drivers are distracted, and we want people to understand that's not acceptable.*

The statistics are compelling: the AAA-Foundation for Traffic Safety has found that drivers' overall crash risk "nearly doubled" when they were "engaging in all forms of visual-manual mobile phone tasks" and "visual-manual mobile phone interaction" while driving makes drivers three times more likely to be involved in a "road departure crash" and more than seven times more likely to cause a rear-end collision.

"Our core purpose as a police force is working for a safer community in Northville Township, and that focus encompasses our local roads," said Police Chief Scott Hilden. "Public safety is at risk when drivers are distracted, and we want people to understand that's not acceptable."

The new Michigan law a took effect June 30 and includes a "hands-free" exception. Previously, Michigan law only prohibited drivers from using a hand-held cell phone to text while driving.

The first violation is a $100 fine or 16 hours of community service or both. Penalties for repeated distracted driving include fines up to $250, up to 24 hours of community service, points on a person's driving record and driver improvement classes. Fines also are doubled for those at-fault in a crash while manually using a device.

"The new laws have been in effect for nearly a month giving drivers ample time to familiarize themselves with the restrictions and penalties," Hilden continued. "As a result, we will be taking a serious approach to enforcing the new laws to remind drivers to remain alert and focused when they are behind the wheel."

Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, along with Canton officials and members of the Canton Board of Trustees, were joined by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark T. Slavens, donors, business owners, and community members at the official dedication of the Heritage Park Peace Pole Plaza. Photos courtesy of Canton Township.

Spirit of Peace

Canton installs symbol of peace, harmony, togetherness and unity

Visitors to Heritage Park in Canton Township will now be greeted by a newly installed Peace Pole, the universal symbol of peace bearing the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in 12 of the most commonly spoken languages in Canton Township: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Punjabi, Spanish, and Urdu.

A dedication ceremony took place Aug. 3 to celebrate the installation of this 8-foot standing vigil in the newly created Heritage Park Peace Pole Plaza, which was erected as a symbol to promote peace, togetherness, and harmony in a tranquil area where park visitors can congregate for individual or group reflection, township officials said.

> *It's important to value every person from every culture, religion, race, and background.*

"We've created this special plaza to promote, educate, and advocate for peace," said Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "Now more than ever before, we must all come together in a spirit of peace, love, mutual respect, and understanding. It's important to value every person from every culture, religion, race, and background. This new Peace Pole exemplifies a collective belief that we should all strive for peace not only in our community, but throughout the entire world."

In the spirit of peace and harmony, the Canton community stands with more than 250,000 Peace Poles around the globe to demonstrate a commitment to foster peace in the world. This international symbol of peace presents a unifying message in the recently completed Heritage Park Peace Pole Plaza, which has been transformed into a welcoming space with landscaping that was made possible with donor support provided by: Iltefat Hamzavi, MD FAAD - Hamzavi/Dermatology Specialists and Pilz Automation Safety, L.P. Additional contributions were also provided by Geneva Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, and the Rotary Club of Canton.

The Heritage Park Peace Pole Plaza, which is now the permanent home to the wooden peace pole, is located at the intersection of Civic Center Boulevard and Veterans Way.

Heritage Park is one of the premier township amenities where visitors can enjoy 105 acres of green space, including: two playscapes, a splash pad, four pavilions, a picturesque gazebo, two large ponds, walking paths, an amphitheater, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, a sand volleyball court, fishing area, and much more. officials said.

Westland primary voters choose Londeau and Coleman

Michael P. Londeau or State Rep. Kevin Coleman will become the first newly elected mayor in the city of Westland in nearly two decades.

Londeau and Coleman were the top vote getters in the primary election last Tuesday which reduced the field of six candidates to two who will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot. Unofficial results showed Londeau receiving 4,646 votes while Coleman was the choice of 4,304 voters.

Londeau was chosen by fellow members of the city council in January to serve as interim mayor during the remainder of long-time Mayor William Wild's term. Wild resigned during his fourth term in office to take a job in the private sector.

Long-time City Councilman Jim Godbout received 837 votes; Ali Awadi received 465 votes; Anthony Jones, 146 votes and Ronald Sassak, 46 votes.

Prior to being elected to city council in 2017, Londeau, 44, served as the chairman of the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA), was a member of the Westland Master Plan Steering Committee, board member of the Westland Youth Assistance Advisory Committee; member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council; the Westland Masterplan Steering Committee; the Youth Assistance Advisory Council and served as chairman of the Downtown Development Authority.

In 2017, residents elected him to the Westland City Council where he served for five years, including three years as president pro-tem.

Coleman, 40, was defeated by Wild in his first mayoral campaign in 2017. He is currently serving his third term as a state representative, his first in the newly created 25th House District. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University, attended the Lee Honors College and served one 4-year term on the Westland City Council.

Prior to seeking public office, Coleman spent several years working in the community on the Westland Festival Committee and the Westland Veterans Association.

Romulus - Sumpter

Pond closure is topic of public hearing tonight

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees have scheduled a public hearing tonight in an effort to determine whether swimming at Sherwood Pond at Banotai Park will be prohibited.

Following an extensive discussion of the proposed ban on swimming at the pond during the July 25 meeting, trustees said they wanted to hear the opinions and ideas of township residents regarding the pond. Signage at the pond currently warns residents that they are swimming at their own risk and there is no lifeguard on duty.

Treasurer Bart Patterson opened the discussion of the issue during the study session prior to the meeting. He said he had discussions with several people about prohibiting swimming at the pond. He told the board members he has a concern about going immediately from allowing swimming to prohibiting it.

"My concern is if we say it is prohibited now, then we have to enforce that. I'm envisioning people getting police called on them and handing out citations for swimming in a pond that there has always been swimming at," he said.

Patterson said he understood that the water was not being tested for bacteria and contamination and might pose a health hazard, but an alternative to banning swimming might be increased signage including a notification that the water was not being tested for safety. He added that if swimming is to be banned, the swim buoys should be removed "so that we're not encouraging it."

Trustee Matt Oddy explained that his concern in suggesting the pond be closed was the increase in reported drownings in municipal recreational facilities near the township. "My concern is for us to learn from what's happening around us," Oddy said. He reminded the board members that the pond is not engineered as is required for any new pond installation to ensure that depths and slopes allow swimmers a means of leaving the water in case of an emergency. Oddy suggested the township pond was not in compliance with the current pond ordinance in the township.

Following a comment by Trustee Peggy Morgan that closing the pond would be "a tragedy," and that there had been no incidents during her time on the board, Trustee Don LaPorte explained that he has seen tragedy at the pond firsthand during his 17 years with the fire department, several times while Morgan was on the board.

"Some of the worst calls I've been on have been at that park with little children near drowning. I've driven ambulances to the hospital with police escorts trying to save their lives," he said. "There have been some really serious accidents out there that I'm sure nobody ever intended to happen. I personally would like to see us take some of that ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) money and build a splash pad right off Sumpter Road at Graham Park," he said.

Sherwood Pond

LaPorte said he had called Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara in an effort to determine the cost of a splash pad. He said he was informed the Van Buren amenity cost $1.5 million. "It is always packed," LaPorte added. "It is very heavily used."

"I don't know why you are going to the extreme of closing the pond and not allowing people to swim. They know they swim at their own risk and people with little children should be responsible for them," she said. In response to board members' expressed concerns about liability for public safety and financial damage to the township, Morgan responded that "lawsuits should have no bearing on opening or closing the pond."

Oddy corrected what he said was Morgan's inference that the board members were "doing something wrong."

"We are trying to protect the public and the township," he said. "I brought this up because we had three people drown within 20 miles of our borders. That's my concern. We're seeing the recipe for disaster," Oddy said.

The board members scheduled the public hearing on the issue for tonight at township hall.

Suspects in airport hotel shooting sought by police

Romulus police continue to investigate a shooting at the Marriott Hotel July 29 which left one man in critical condition.

According to police reports, officers were called to the Metro Airport hotel in the 30500 block of Flynn Street at 3:47 p.m. following multiple 911 calls reporting a shooting. When officers arrived at the scene, they found the wounded man and called for emergency medical response.

According to reports, two men from Delaware had arranged to meet at the hotel to purchase a large number of cell phones. The potential buyers arranged to meet the sellers in a room at the hotel and once inside the room, the two "sellers" produced handguns in what the witness told police was an apparent robbery attempt. Both the Delaware men claimed they attempted to disarm the assailants.

During the struggle, one man suffered a severe gunshot wound while the other was successful in disarming his attacker. The Delaware men made their way to the hotel lobby where the injured man collapsed. The two attackers fled the scene, witnesses said. Hotel staff members attempted to provide medical aid to the injured man until police arrived.

The victim was transported to a Dearborn hospital where his condition remained critical.

The suspects are described as a black man with short black hair in his early 20s. He was wearing a black Adidas zip-up hoodie, blue/purple Nike sweatpants and black tennis shoes, witnesses told officers and a second black man, also with short black hair and in his early 20s. He was last seen wearing a blue, long-sleeved sweatshirt, jeans with two small tears in the right knee and a large tear in the left knee area. He wore black and white tennis shoes, a purple/blue baseball hat and was carrying a black backpack, witnesses said.

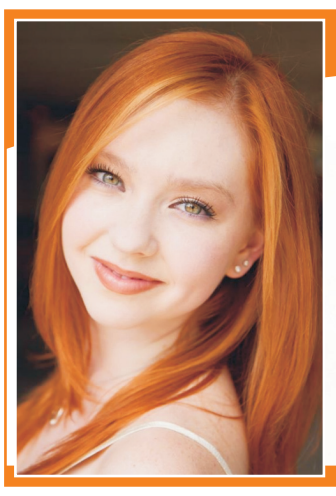
Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to call the Romulus Police Department at (734) 941-8400.

Cemetery committee is named

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved four new members of the cemetery commission during the July 25 meeting.

Named to the commission charged with overseeing the repairs and renovation of the historic Martinsville Cemetery in the township were Township Manager Anthony Burdick, Finance Director Scott Holtz, Deputy Clerk Karen Armatis and Jared Belingham, a township resident.

Armatis also presented a report to the board on recent progress at the cemetery including the purchase of flag holders for the graves of veterans for flags the township had already purchased. She said the township had recently sent in an application to the state to have a historic marker installed at the cemetery but that approval process would take 10 to 12 months.



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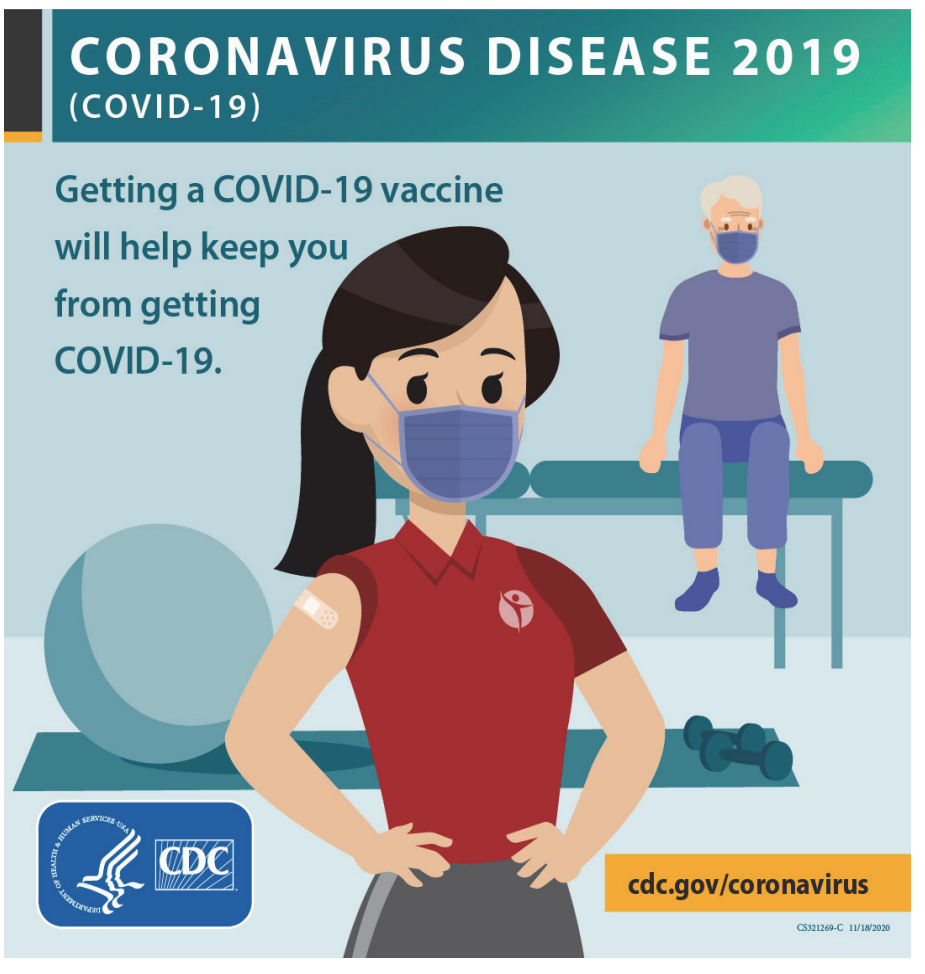

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CANTON - INKSTER

Chamber of Commerce office building to be sold

The decision to sell the Canton Chamber of Commerce building on Hanford Road has met with some strong opinions on social media.

One commenter, Mike Gerou, noted that the chamber has existed since 1972 to promote local business. He posted that he and his brother joined the chamber in 1987 and that many of the pillars of the community contributed their time, talent and treasures to the organization.

Chamber officials explained the proposed sale of the 2,482 square foot building at 45525 Hanford Road in an email to members. "After careful consideration and strategic planning, the board of directors has made the decision to put our current office building on the market for sale, the email stated. "This move is driven by our unwavering dedication to enhance our services and support for our valued members and the broader community we serve".

Gerou noted in one Facebook post that "The original plan was to build our own building within a defined target area of Canton i.e. between Ford and Warren and between Haggerty and roughly Canton Center which at the time was the heart of Canton's small business community. The idea was to get the building paid off in short order through some specific fundraising events to create a permanent home in the community with low operating costs going forward. Unfortunately, that never materialized." Gerou posted on Facebook.

He added that while times have changed and perhaps chambers of commerce are now less relevant, membership is well below half the peak membership.

"I would like to thank all of the people who spent countless hours on the building committee marching through the snow to explore potential locations, make a selection, buy the land and then get the building built as well as all of the generous donors to this project. It was a worthy effort," his post continued.

> *"No one donated money to build this structure so that it could be liquidated to pay salaries or rent.*

He said the chamber membership has "dwindled to about 300 members so the plan is to downsize. Businesses cannot spend more than their revenue and continue to exist. A non-profit organization formed to promote businesses in Canton should emulate good business practices. Either increase membership (revenues) or decrease expenses (salaries and rent)," he posted.

Gerou noted that while it may be necessary and a good business decision to sell the building, the sale of the building is a valuable asses that exists "only because of the hundreds of hours of volunteer time and thousands of dollars of donations by generous members from year's gone by."

He suggested that none of the funds generated from the sale be spent on operational expenses of the chamber, such as salaries and rent.

"No one donated money to build this structure so that it could be liquidated to pay salaries or rent. That money should be put in trust to promote businesses and business activities in the Canton Community. The CCC should be providing fishing poles for local business not buying fish dinners for its employees," Gerou posted.

He suggested that members of the community who agree with his position contact the members of the chamber board and express their opinion regarding the use of any funding generated from the sale of the building.

One commenter, identified as Bartley J. Patterson, agreed with Gerou. He posted, "Too many people worked like dogs and built something very unique. It's a shame to see it end this way. What about all of the people who sponsored the wall, and the brick paver porch? All of the people who have lifelong supporters. All of that goes away?"

In the letter to members, board members explained that the decision to sell the building was "not made lightly" but that they believed the move would "enable us to better allocate our resources and fulfill our mission more effectively." The board assured members that the sale and change of office location would not alter the mission of the organization.

"Our commitment to fostering a vibrant business community remains steadfast and our utmost focus," the letter stated.

The letter assured chamber members that updates would be forthcoming regarding the proposed sale and transition to a new location, "ensuring that our services remain accessible and efficient."

More information is available at cantonchamber.org.

County Porch Repair project seeks qualified homes

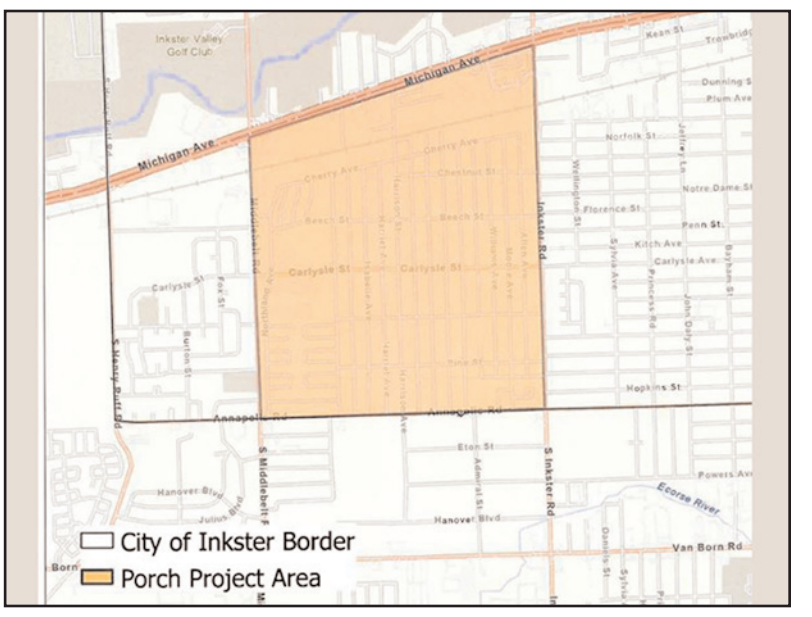
A program of the Wayne County Land Bank to enroll Inkster residents in a porch repair program is still under way.

The program is accepting applications from residents in the area between Michigan Avenue and Annapolis Road and between Middlebelt Road and Inkster Road is being funded by the county and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The program will provide repairs to the front of qualifying homes, including but not limited to roofing, steps and railings. The porch repair program is for owner-occupied, single-family homes that are in good standing with property tax and mortgage payments. The project cost is not to exceed $10,000 and the property owner must agree to live in the home for five years following the repairs.

> *The project cost is not to exceed $10,000 .*

Those interested in the program can complete an online application at https://waynecountylandbank.com/.../05/NEP8-Application.pdf. The application can be emailed or mailed back to the land bank as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis, officials said. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Email the application to jrusel@waynecountry.com or mail to Wayne County Land Bank, 500 Griswold, Suite 2800, Detroit, Mi 48226.

For more information, contact Joe Russel at the email address above or phone (313) 967-0031.



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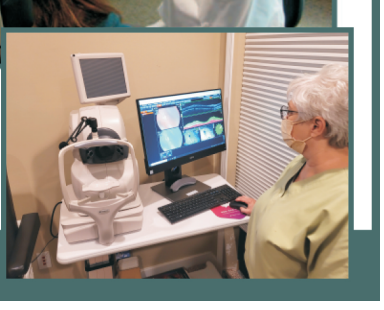

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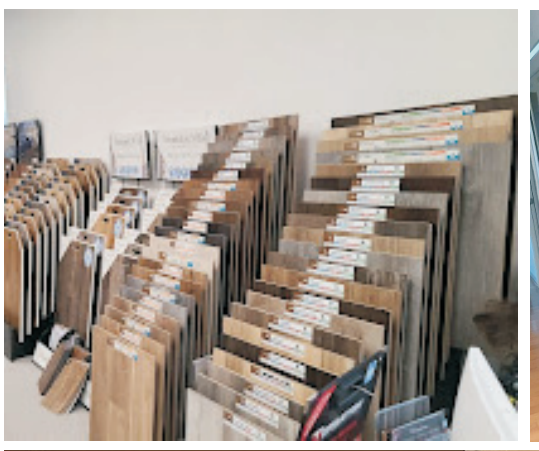

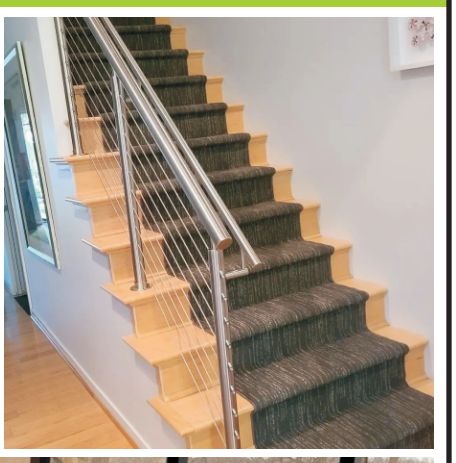

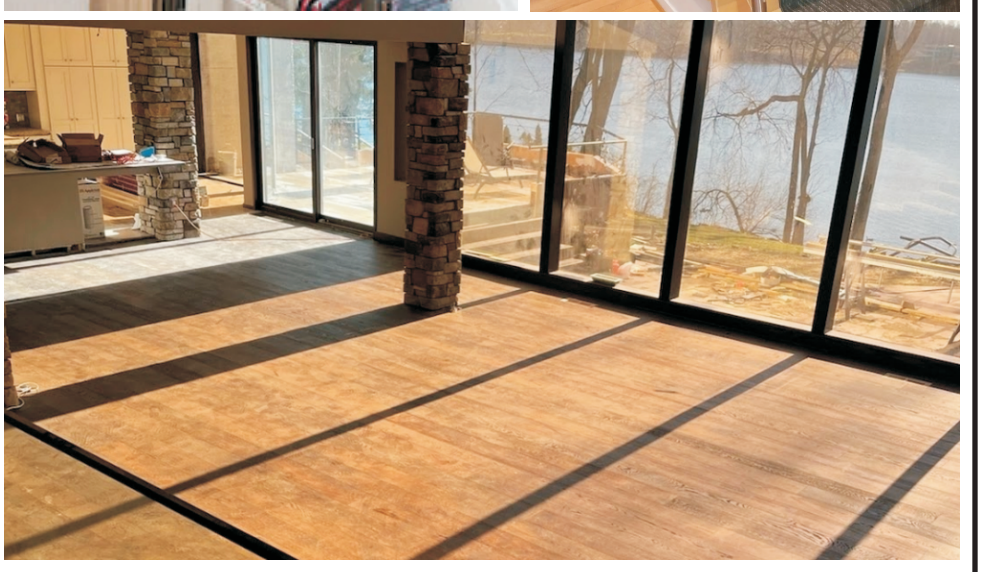

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Northville

Finance coordinator retires from her 'dream job'

Northville Township Finance Coordinator Barbara Blanchard spent a quarter of a century at her dream job before retiring in June.

Working in an office was her goal since her father, an insurance agent, occasionally took her to work with him, where she said, she would pretend to be his colleague. "I never thought about being a firefighter or nurse or anything," Blanchard said. "For me, I knew I was going to work in an office."

Blanchard did just that for 25 years, the last 16 years with Northville Township. She retired June 5 for health reasons.

"I always felt every day when I pulled into that parking lot, 'I can't believe I work here'," Blanchard said of her time at Northville Township Hall. "You know, like what a great place to come work every day."

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As finance coordinator, she oversaw the tax preparation, collections and distributions of funds and accounts balancing with Wayne County. She worked closely with the assessor to ensure assessments and taxes were in balance at all times. She also supervised the financial services department where she began her career as a clerk.

While she also assisted in the building department, her job performance was rewarded with regular promotions. She said her work in finance provided her with insights into all the other township departments.

"I am most proud of the level of customer service that the finance department team was committed to each day to each resident," she said.

Blanchard began her career in 10th grade, when she held a co-op job at First National Bank of Plymouth. She continued there while working on her associate degree in marketing and management at Schoolcraft College. She worked her way up at the bank from filing checks, to working as a teller, then in the Consumer Loan Department and finally the Commercial Loan Department.

She joined Northville Township after the birth of her children, Jack, 31 and Shawna, 22. She also helped raise her stepson, Spencer, 25.

"I remember telling (my first township boss) that I feel like I've been training my whole life for this job," she said. "All the things that I had learned along the way in the prior years helped me and benefited me to do my job at the township."

Blanchard plans to slow down in retirement. She said she's been trying out new recipes on her husband, Paul and practicing yoga and meditation, journaling and visiting her family, including two granddaughters, Scarlett, 7, and Alice Kate, 6.

Barbara Blanchard

"We wish Barb all the best in her retirement," said Finance & Budget Director Wendy Hillman. "Her deep knowledge of the township combined with her sunny disposition were such an asset for our community. We thank her so much for her dedicated service."

Recreation Master Plan online survey is now under way

Members of the Northville Parks and Recreation staff are looking to the future.

The department has launched a brief online survey to collect preferences on recreational preferences in the community, utilizing the recreation programs and area parks. The answers will drive the new 5-Year Parks Master Plan, which shapes future projects and operations, officials said.

To access the survey, participants should visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthvillePR. It will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

Because Northville Parks and Recreation is a shared service between Northville Township and the City of Northville and used by region visitors, the survey includes questions tailored to the municipality in which the participant resides. Those who are from Northville Township, for instance, will have questions that touch on Legacy Park, the 332-acre green space formerly home to the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. One consistent query throughout: What new or expanded recreation activities should be offered?

This survey and the 5-Year Master Plan are the first projects for new Northville Parks and Recreation Director Derek O. Smith, who stepped into office July 3.

"This is a great opportunity for me to learn about what's important to residents directly from them and from our nearby neighbors," Smith said. "It's also an important tool to ensure our community's happiness with our parks and recreation system long term."

Not only does this 5-Year Master Plan provide a roadmap for growth, but it provides opportunities for grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to support the vision. The Master Plan must be approved by MDNR and updated every five years, officials added.

"Northville Parks and Recreation will use it to inventory existing facilities and resources, identify community recreation and open space needs to create a plan of action," Smith said.

The opinion survey is the first step in learning what the community needs and desires for its park system.

"Northville Parks & Recreation's offerings have always been top notch," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo.

"This survey and the 5-Year Parks Master Plan are an important check-in with our residents to make sure we are growing, improving and enhancing the quality of life for those who are fortunate to call this region home."

Maybury Country Fair Saturday

The Maybury Farm Annual County Fair is set for 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. this Saturday.

The event is a fundraiser to help feed and care for the animals at the Northville working farm. Music will be provided by The Whiskey Charmers and there will be carnival/fair games, craft toys making, a coloring contest, two face painters from Face Flair, a baking competition (registration required), local crafters, Mill Race Weavers & Quilters, blacksmith demonstration, food trucks (Kona Ice, & Pizza Pazza), plus a hot dog BBQ and freshly made cotton candy made on the farm fairgrounds. All activities except food items and wagon rides are included in the price of admission.

The farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. For more information, visit www.mayburyfarm.org. or call (248) 374-0200.

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MERAKI SWITCHES - PHASE 1

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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FOR THE US-12/ MICHIGAN AVE NETWORK (M.A.I.N)

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INVITATION TO BID
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

MARTINSVILLE CEMETERY
43057 Willis Ct, Belleville, MI 48111
TREE REMOVAL/CLEARING

The Township of Sumpter is accepting sealed bids for the Martinsville Cemetery Tree clearing in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

Sumpter Township will only accept and entertain sealed bids submitted on or before;

Thursday, August 31st, 2023
2:00 pm

Sealed bids will be received by:

The Clerk's Office
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Thursday, August 31st, 2023
3:00 pm
Sumpter Township Board Room
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY BIDS & PROPOSALS WRITTEN SPECIFICALLY TO THIS PUBLIC NOTICE WILL BE CONSIDERED. DEVIATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE PROPOSED SEPARATELY. HOWEVER, THE QUOTED PRICE MUST BE TO THE SPECIFICATIONS. Specifications are: clearing trees and bushes 20' deep x 402' south side of the cemetery and 3' deep x 252' on the east side of the cemetery. **MUST VISIT SITE.**
Please call Sumpter Township, Clerk's Office at (734) 461-6201 if you require additional information.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

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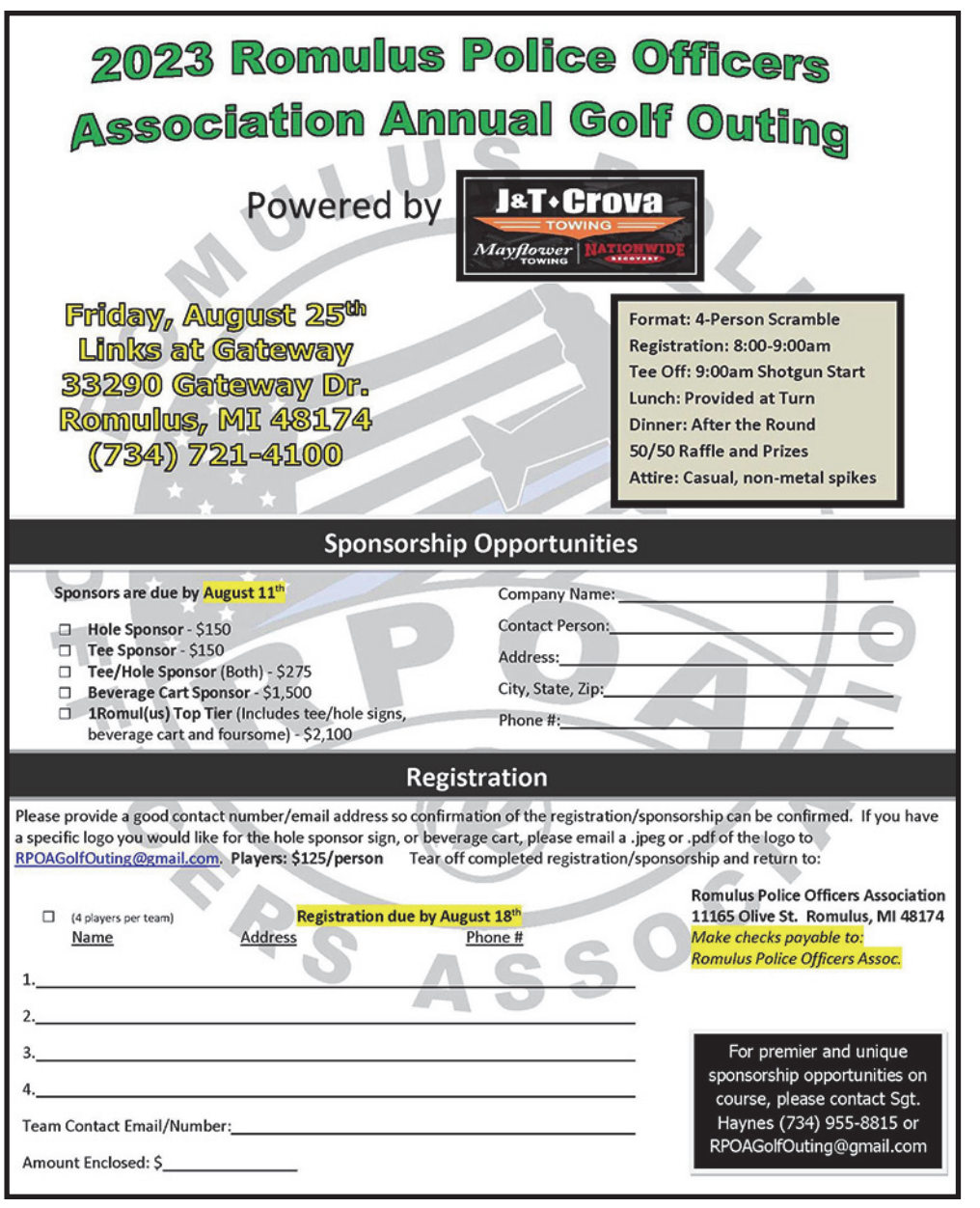
2023 Romulus Police Officers Association Annual Golf Outing
Powered by J&T Crova Towing Mayflower Towing Nationwide
Friday, August 25th
Links at Gateway
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Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 721-4100
Format: 4-Person Scramble
Registration: 8:00-9:00am
Tee Off: 9:00am Shotgun Start
Lunch: Provided at Turn
Dinner: After the Round
50/50 Raffle and Prizes
Attire: Casual, non-metal spikes
Sponsorship Opportunities
Sponsors are due by August 11th
Hole Sponsor - $150
Tee Sponsor - $150
Tee/Hole Sponsor (Both) - $275
Beverage Cart Sponsor - $1,500
1Romul(us) Top Tier (Includes tee/hole signs, beverage cart and foursome) - $2,100
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Contact Person:
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City, State, Zip:
Phone #:
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PLYMOUTH - WAYNE

Police investigation of Art Walk vandalism continues

Artwork intended to uplift kids and provide a sense of self-worth was destroyed by a group of young people in downtown Plymouth last week.

Police are continuing to investigate the vandalism, which was captured on nearby surveillance cameras during the evening of Saturday, July 23. The painting was part of the Plymouth Art Walk, an installation of renowned Plymouth artist Tony Roko and the Art Foundation.

Tony Roko

"It's shocking to me because they're not kids. They're in their early 20s," Tony Roko said.

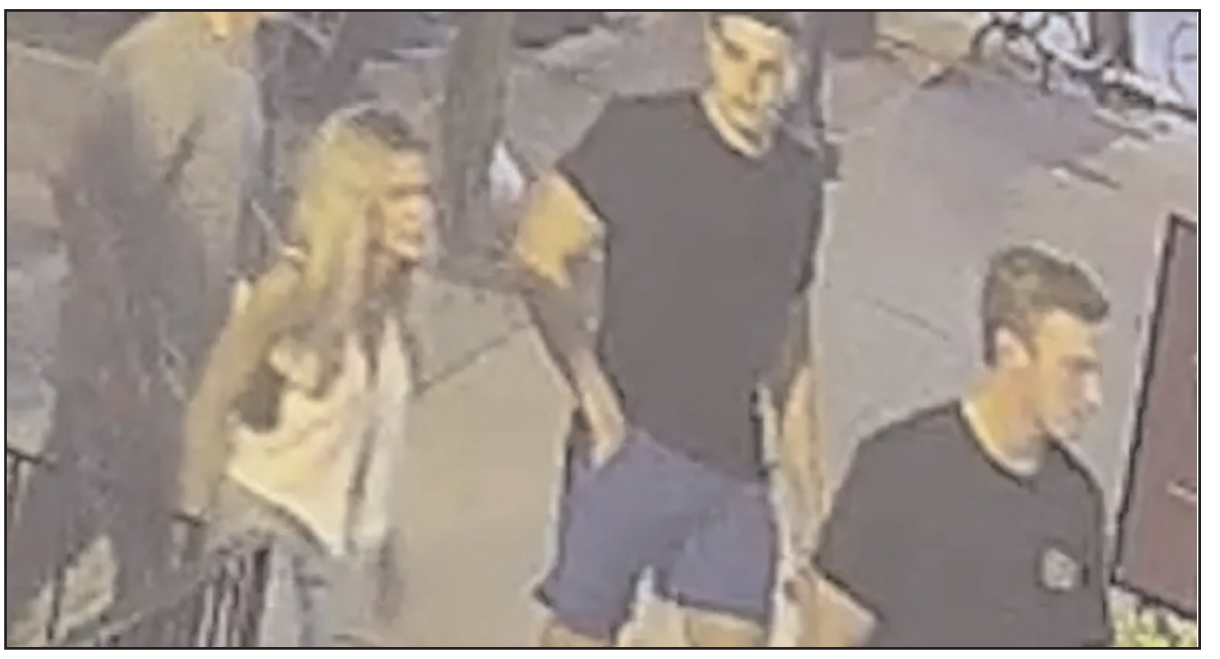
Police said the two vandals were part of a group of five people, three men and two women, seen walking together in the early morning hours of July 23.

"It was like a switch flipped and the next thing you know, they were hyper-focused on breaking and damaging a work of art," Roko said.

"They came out of the Post, they crossed Penniman, they walked out of this alley," said Roko. "This is Phase 1 of the art walk."

Roko and the Art Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, funded the art walk to activate the unused spaces in the alleys and side streets of downtown Plymouth into a curated outdoor gallery. The art exhibit features four works by Roko and six by program graduates and local artists. The vandalized work was completed by a teenage artist from Detroit who is with the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan.

"They're all under-served youth," said Roko. "Kids that might not otherwise get an opportunity to create and have the opportunity to exhibit them in a public art walk. Our program is really meant to uplift kids and give them a sense of self-worth," said Roko.



The artwork was later found in a nearby parking lot.

The Plymouth Police Department is looking for the individuals involved in the vandalism of the artwork. Anyone with information regarding the identity of the vandals is asked to call the police department at (734) 453-1234 x 219 or email jhiemstra@plymouthpolice.org.

Surveillance photos of the vandals

City water in Wayne remains unsafe due to lead levels

Wayne residents should continue to put lead filters on home water faucets and consider having children tested for lead in their blood following levels of the neurotoxin found in city water supplies.

According to a posting on the city website last week, nine of 60 homes tested in Wayne had excessive levels of lead, the highest tested at 31 ppb, according to Lynn Sutfin, a spokesperson from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Water samples with more than 15 parts per billion (ppb) of lead require a community to take action, according to state and federal guidelines.

Exposure to lead can damage the brain and kidneys and can affect the production of red blood cells in the body. There is no safe level of lead in drinking water, officials said.

The city reported that a minimum of 400 homes have lead service lines. Officials said the city has been attempting to secure funding to replace the water service lines for two years.

Ed Queen, the assistant director of the Wayne Department of Public Works said the city has replaced about 200 lead service lines, but the cost to replace the remaining 400 is expected to reach nearly $5 million.

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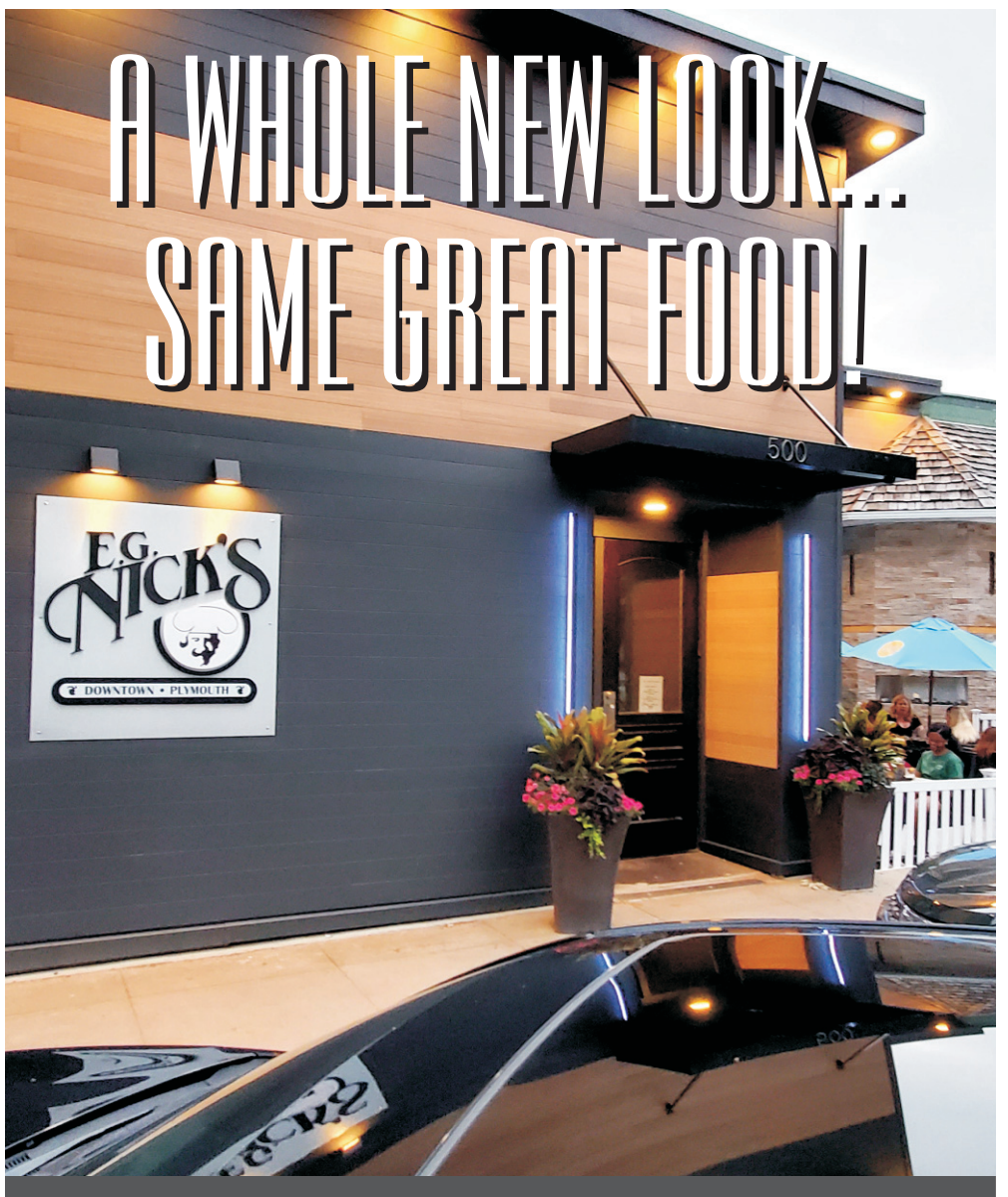
Officials urged residents to continue to take precautions against any exposure to the dangerous neurotoxin. in Wayne

Filters are available between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the City of Wayne Department of Public Works, 35200 Forest Ave. in Wayne.

The department can be reached at (734) 721-8600.



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Westland

Westland playground is finalist for state award

The Westland Mission to Mars themed playground is one of four finalist for the statewide Community Excellence Award (CEA)-the most prestigious Michigan Municipal League community honor.

The other three competitors moving on as finalists are Bridgman, Coldwater and Port Huron, according to an official statement from the organization.

The finalists were determined by a small voting board and the top four projects will go on to compete at the league convention, where they will present their projects on the main stage and market their projects at designated CEA finalist booths.

> "Projects like these are helping our state.

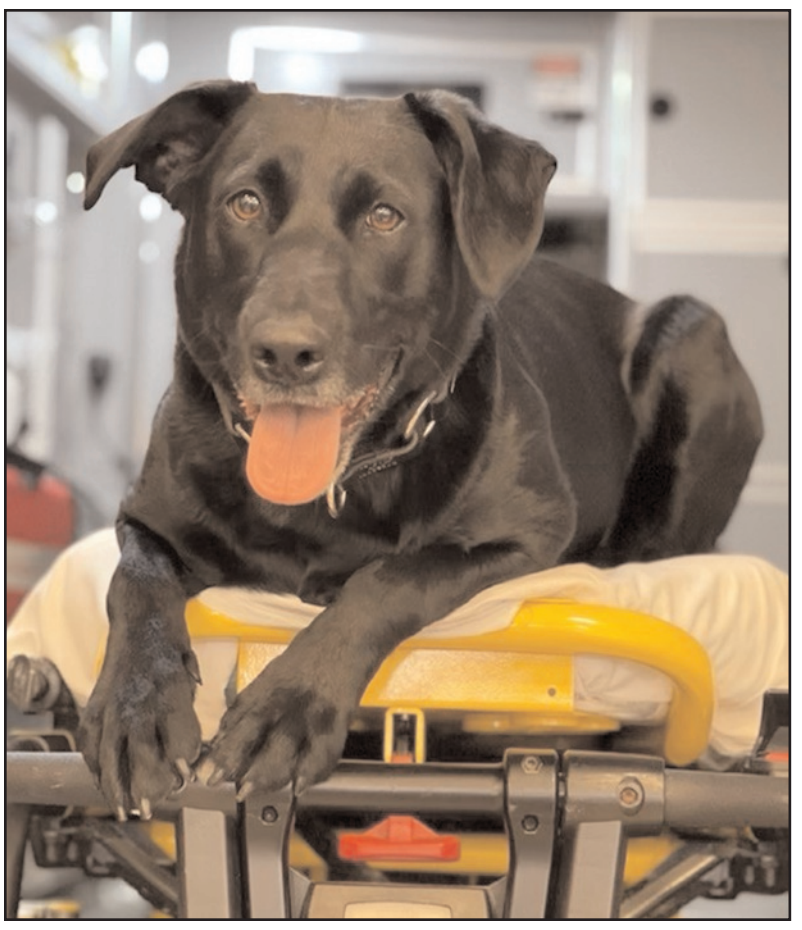
The convention is scheduled for Oct. 18-20 in Traverse City. Attendees will vote for their favorite project, with the project winning the most votes awarded the official Community Excellence Award during the closing general session.

"We are excited to learn more about our finalists' projects at our convention this fall," said Barb Ziarko, the president of the league board of trustees and Sterling Heights city councilmember. "Projects like these are helping our state continue to create thriving communities, and we are proud to celebrate them."

The CEA has been the most prestigious league community award since 2007. It's also affectionately called "The Race for the Cup" because the winning community gets a large trophy and bragging rights for the year. The 2022 winner was the Imagine Cass Project Village of Cassopolis: Small, Rural, and Exceptional, which was submitted by the Village of Cassopolis.

Mission to Mars playground in Westland

Dog in golf cart injures 4-year-old



Westland Arson Dog Bella

Bella, the Westland fire dog, may have lost her golf cart privileges.

During the Blues, Brews and BBQ festival in Westland last weekend a 4-year-old child was injured by the golf cart in which Bella was stationed by her partner and handler Capt. Jeff Stobbe.

> "Bella was not injured in the incident.

The always obedient Bella jumped from the golf cart seat to the floor of the vehicle and in doing so, laid across the accelerator pedal. The cart began to move forward and struck the 4-year-old before firefighters could reach the vehicle to disengage the gear.

"Unfortunately, before firefighters could bring the cart to a stop and remove the key from the vehicle, it struck a 4-year-old girl and the passenger side front tire ran over her left leg," according to a prepared statement from the fire department.

Paramedics at the scene immediately assessed the child for injuries, according to a spokesman, and while the child was visibly shaken, she had no obvious injuries. The mother of the child refused any further medical treatment or transport to an emergency room, according to the statement.

Bella is a 7-year-old Labrador Retriever. She is a certified arson detection canine, and was the first Arson Dog in Western Wayne County. Her work at fire scenes has been lauded as heroic by fire officials several times. Bella is also used for fire safety instruction programs in Wayne Westland schools.

Bella was not injured in the incident, according to official reports.

Battle of Badges set

The Hometown Heroes in Westland will face off in a charity softball game and home run derby at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13 at Jaycee Park.

Police officers and firefighters will take to the field to compete and showcase their skills. Admission to the event is free. There will be a food truck on site and several prize raffles, a spokesman said.

All proceeds from the Battle of the Badges will go directly to support the Wayne Youth Athletic Association baseball program.

The family friendly event is open to the public and was organized by the Westland Police Community partnership, Westland Fire and Rescue and the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

Jaycee Park is located at 34001 Hunter in Westland.

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BUSINESS to BUSINESS
Hosted by the City of Romulus
"Beyond Boundaries: The Regional Impact of Economic Development in Wayne County"
Networking, Expo, and Panel Discussion
Monday, August 28, 2023
at the
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8000 Merriman Rd,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

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Schedule of Events
9:00 am to 10:00 am - Registration, Light Breakfast & Networking
10:00 am to 11:30 am- Panel Discussion
11:30 am to 2:00 pm - B to B Expo

For more information, or to host an informational table, contact the City of Romulus Economic Development Department at (734) 942-7545. RSVP by August 25th. See back for Sponsorship Opportunities.

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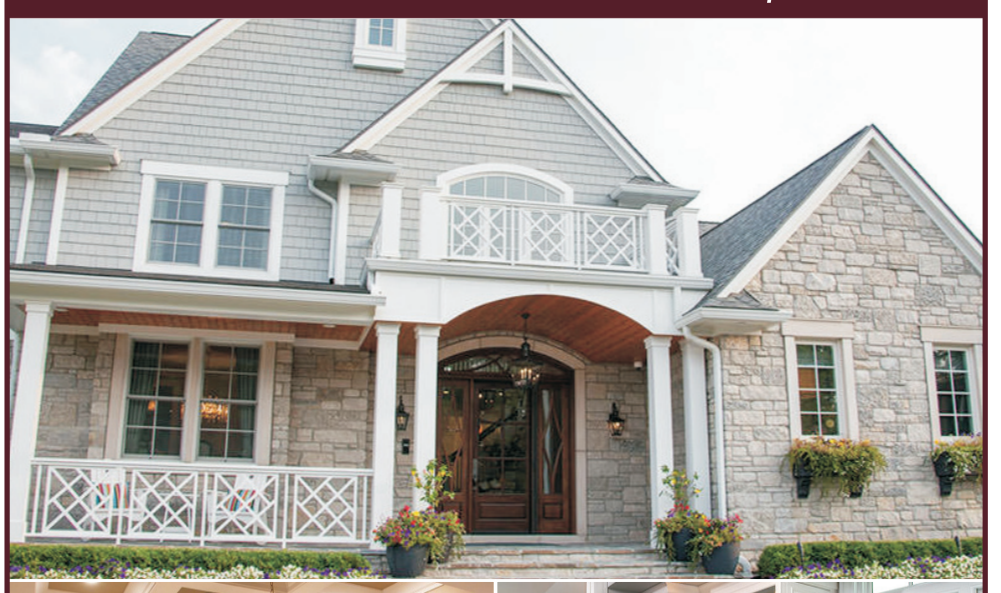

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